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Mail Stop Amendment
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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of October 5, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species of Group I, the method claims 1-14 and cancels claim 15. Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment and remarks as set forth hereinafter.